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2025 Conference on Advanced Issues in Child Custody: Evaluation, Litigation, and Settlement



September 18-20, 2025
San Francisco, California
Hilton San Francisco

An exceptional advanced-level training opportunity from two premier family law organizations.

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The **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts** and **American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers** are excited to be hosting their premier collaborative conference. Leading family law experts will offer extended institutes and breakout sessions that address the most challenging issues faced by lawyers, judges, psychologists, custody evaluators, parenting coordinators, mediators, therapists, arbitrators, educators, and others.

This conference features:

- In-depth, two-hour breakout sessions
- Choice of four pre-conference institutes
- Consultation opportunities with experts
- Networking breakfasts, luncheon, and a reception

Program Committee:

Lawrence Jay Braunstein, Esq.
Arnold T. Shienvold, PhD
Dawn R. Smith, Esq.
Matthew J. Sullivan, PhD



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AFCC is an international interdisciplinary association of professionals dedicated to improving the lives of children through the resolution of family conflict. Founded in 1963, AFCC includes nearly 6,000 members in 35 countries. For more than 60 years, AFCC has led innovation and reform in family courts, advancing practice in parenting coordination, mediation, child custody evaluation, parent-child contact problems, intimate partner violence, and family law education. AFCC's journal, *Family Court Review*, the world's leading interdisciplinary family law journal, is published by Wiley. Learn more at **afccnet.org**.

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AAML is a leader in family law continuing education, publications, networking, and training. Since 1962 AAML has operated as a nonprofit association of experienced family lawyers specializing in all aspects of marriage, divorce, child custody and visitation, annulment, prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, matters affecting unmarried cohabitants, business valuation, property distribution, alimony, and support. Nearly 1,500 family lawyers throughout the United States have earned the prestigious distinction of AAML Fellowship. Learn more at **aaml.org**.

Schedule at a Glance

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1. Research on Trial: The Use, Misuse, and Evolution of Evidence in Family Law (Trial Track)

Expert testimony plays a prominent role in family law litigation, yet research is often misinterpreted or misused in court. This interactive session, led by a distinguished litigator and a social science researcher, examines the evolution of research in family law and highlights common pitfalls such as concept creep, scholar advocacy bias, and the misapplication of studies. Attendees will gain insights into evaluating expert reports, challenging flawed testimony, and cross-examining witnesses effectively. Hands-on trial exercises will reinforce strategies in real time, strengthening participants' ability to assess and integrate research confidently. Case scenarios will be based on hotly debated issues, such as parent-child contact problems, coercive control, and shared parenting. Legal and mental health experts alike will benefit from this high-level discussion on how to understand and competently challenge the research, bolster confidence in applying research to legal and mental health issues, and navigate even the most complex family law disputes with precision.

***Dawn Smith, Esq.**, Evolve Family Law, LLC, Tucker, GA*
***Michael A. Saini, PhD**, Univ. of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada*

2. When Kids Say No: Unpacking Risk and Reality in PCCP Dynamics

Family law professionals in a variety of roles must consider all aspects of the dynamic in the family to determine the driving forces behind a child's resistance or refusal to spend time with a parent. One consideration is whether there is a safety risk to the child or the parents involved, especially when refusal or resistance is related to allegations of domestic violence or child abuse. Moreover, in cases involving severe parental alienation, evaluators must also consider whether the alienating behavior by one parent creates an emotional risk to the child, which is also a safety concern. Of course, there are a plethora of reasons and circumstances in between. Among the factors to consider are the strengths and vulnerabilities of all family members. Prior to offering recommendations about how to proceed, the circumstances surrounding the child's refusal or resistance should be thoroughly explored, with all aspects of the case and family dynamics taken into consideration. This pre-conference institute will examine some of the nuances associated with a child's resistance to spending time with one parent, including exploration of practical interventions.

***Leslie M. Drozd, PhD**, Seattle, WA*
***Kathleen McNamara, PhD**, Fort Collins, CO*
***Lawrence Jay Braunstein, Esq.**, Braunstein & Zuckerman, White Plains, NY*

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3. A Brave New World: Procedural and Technological Innovations in Family Dispute Resolutions

The courts continue to be inundated with cases awaiting judicial decisions, often leaving children overlooked. As a result, family law professionals seek innovative ways to help families resolve disputes outside the courtroom, sometimes challenging traditional methods. Brief focused evaluations on specific issues and settlement-focused assessments with informal expert recommendations are two strategies aimed at keeping families out of court while promoting healing. This session brings together experts from law, technology, mediation, mental health, and the judiciary to explore time-efficient, cost-effective solutions that support healthy co-parenting post-divorce.

***Hon. Mark Juhas**, Superior Court of California, Los Angeles, CA*
***Colin Rule**, Mediate.com/ODR.com, San Jose, CA*
***Kenneth B. Perlmutter, PhD**, Palo Alto, CA*
***Stan J. Katz, PhD**, Beverly Hills, CA*
***Laura Belleau, Esq.**, Belleau Family Law Group, Tucson, AZ*

4. Advanced PPE: What Practitioners Need to Know

In this pre-conference institute, attendees across disciplines will take a deep dive into the mechanics of a parenting plan evaluation with an advanced lens. Learn about the essential components of a thorough evaluation, to include assessment of special issues, such as family violence, neurodivergency, special needs within the family, and parent-child contact problems. Explore how to decipher actual evidence from the he said/she said narrative offered by litigants. Discuss the inclusion of both the ancillary contacts suggested by parents and those who are not suggested but who might lend valuable insight regarding family dynamics and the best interests of children. Additionally, gain insights into expert reports—from writing them to testifying—and what attorneys need to know about how to utilize expert opinion before trial for settlement discussions, and for direct and cross-examination of experts when trial is inevitable.

***Renee R. Ross, Esq.**, Ross Family Law, Pleasanton, CA*
***Robin M. Deutsch, PhD, ABPP**, Newton Centre, MA*
***Hon. Marjorie A. Slabach (Ret.)**, Fremont, CA*

12:00PM-1:30PM **Lunch (on your own)**

Experience the Flavor of San Francisco!

Make the most of your Friday evening by attending the AFCC Taste of San Francisco! Join a small group of 8-10 fellow attendees for an exceptional dining experience at one of San Francisco's renowned restaurants. It's the perfect opportunity to connect, network, and immerse yourself in the city's vibrant culinary scene.

Sign up at the conference by 1:00PM on Friday!

(Dining and transportation costs are the responsibility of each participant.)

Thursday, September 18, 2025

1:30PM-2:45PM	**Opening Plenary Session**

State of the Field: A Presidential Dialogue

The presidents of AFCC and AAML will engage in a candid and forward-looking conversation about the current landscape of family law theory and practice. Together, they'll reflect on what's shaping the field today, what's shifting beneath the surface, and how their organizations are responding to meet the moment.

***Hon. Dolores Bomrad (Ret.)**, AFCC, Hartford, WI*
***Laura Belleau, Esq.**, AAML, Tucson, AZ*

2:45PM-3:00PM	**Break**
3:00PM-5:00PM	**Concurrent Sessions 1-5**

1. Social Media: Evidence, Deepfakes, and Authentication

Social media infiltrators have become masterful at phishing scams and "deepfakes," leaving consumers often unaware and unable to discern what is real. In the context of family court, this basis for new forms of "evidence" regarding who said or did what to whom, or even alleged transactions that one party emphatically denies is constantly evolving. This workshop discusses strategies for evaluating the validity of proposed evidence and ways to identify fraud and "deepfakes." An interdisciplinary panel will discuss the value of social media, emails, and other internet-based communications in family court cases, what to do after fraudulent "evidence" is introduced, and how to rehabilitate a case when it is included in initial or emergency hearings with simply no time for authentication.

***Chris Mulchay, PhD, ABPP**, Asheville Testing, Asheville, NC*
***Sean B. Knuth, PhD**, Charlotte, NC*
***Rob McAngus, Esq.**, Mueller Family Law, Dallas, TX*
***Hon. Mark Juhas**, Superior Court of California, Los Angeles, CA*

2. Unmasking Transgender Experience: A Family-Based, Research-Informed Model

Even though the number of transgender persons within the population is very small, efforts have been in place to encourage people to perceive trans individuals and those who support them as a threat or as non-existent. These perceptions are neither connected to reality nor supported by peer-reviewed research. This program is intended to educate the participants by focusing on children and families, providing an understanding of the development and experience of transgender and gender diverse children in the context of their individuality and well-being, their families, and society. Working from a family-based and research-informed model, we will address the impact of child custody decisions on children who do not fit a binary definition of gender. These decisions encompass access to supportive healthcare and services in several of the states, creating new challenges to the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA).

***Lorie S. Nachlis, Esq.**, Nachlis, Cohade, Lopez-Whitiker, San Francisco, CA*
***Diane Ehrensaft, PhD**, Child and Adolescent Gender Center, San Francisco, CA*
***Abby Walch, MD**, UCSF Child and Adolescent Gender Center, San Francisco, CA*

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3. Research: Friend or Foe? (Trial Track)

Research, when used properly, can be a friend and even your superpower in family law cases—and when not used properly, research can be a foe. Research is the foundation of evidence-informed treatment and may assist in explaining the roots of the conceptualization of a case. Research may make or break a case contingent upon accurate application and how it is utilized. This workshop focuses on putting research into practice. Psychologists will discuss how to use and not misuse research in their work and presentation in court. An attorney will explain why family lawyers need to understand research to educate their clients, mediators, and the court, to support their expert witnesses, and to challenge opposing experts. A judge will offer insights into what judges should know when evaluating expert opinion.

***Leslie M. Drozd, PhD**, Seattle, WA*
***Hon. Herman G. Walker, Jr.**, Anchorage, AK*
***Lynda Limón, Esq.**, Limón Law Firm, Anchorage, AK*
***Robin M. Deutsch, PhD, ABPP**, Newton Centre, MA*

4. Substance Misuse and Process Addictions

Among the complicating factors that arise in parenting plan evaluations and family court matters, the misuse or abuse of substances by parents/caregivers stand out as some of the most complex. The use of prescription drugs, illegal drugs, or alcohol in excess can be personality altering, causing a significant impact to family members. Assessment and ongoing monitoring often involve biologically based testing, and treatment encompasses many layers of consideration. Similarly, process addictions, which can include the obsession with non-substance behavior such as gambling, pornography, shopping, or the internet, are equally disruptive. Screen addictions have also become more common among adolescents. When the person with addiction or substance misuse concern is a parent or a minor, how the issue is addressed, and treatment undertaken is critical for the next phase of parenting time or familial relationships. The panel will examine addictive behaviors and discuss options for addressing them successfully before, during, and after separation and divorce.

***Jeffrey Soilson, Esq**., Quantum ADR, LLC, Corona Del Mar, CA*
***Hon. Jessica M. Delgado**, Santa Clara County Superior Court, San Jose, CA*

5. Effective Use of Parenting Coordination

Parenting coordinators (PCs) are neutral professionals whose role it is to manage conflict between parents and assist with resolving issues that might arise outside of court in the best interest of the parties' children. There are many variations associated with parenting coordination across jurisdictions, ranging from whether the intervention is confidential, whether a PC is able to make recommendations or holds quasi-judicial authority, and even regarding who can be a PC. Some jurisdictions are without laws, rules or regulations regarding PC work entirely. Regardless of the nuances of local practice, effective use of a parenting coordinator can support the attorneys with case management and support the family with conflict resolution skills to limit post-judgement litigation. Join the presenters for a lively discussion on ways to maximize the benefits of a parenting coordinator in your cases.

***Andrea Palash, Esq., CFLS**, Mussallem & Palash, LLP, San Rafael, CA*
***Terry S. Singh, PhD, ABPP**, Alberta Forensic Psychology, Calgary, AB, Canada*

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Understanding and Managing Five High Conflict Personality Disorders

Explore the social science research on the interpersonal dynamics of personality disorders, and the impact on young children of parents who have traits of such disorders. Learn more about what to do and what NOT to do when working with clients with personality disorders or traits of such disorders. Management, treatment, and parenting issues for each disorder will be presented.

***Bill Eddy, MSW, JD**, High Conflict Institute, Scottsdale, AZ*

10:15AM-10:30AM	**Break**
10:30AM-12:00PM	**Plenary Session**

Death, Sex, and… Mostly Money: How Money Shapes and Distorts Family, Love, and Perception

Join this award-winning journalist and *Death, Sex & Money* podcast host Anna Sale as she brings her signature curiosity and warmth to a real conversation about money's role in family law. Through storytelling, direct questioning, and real-world examples, this conversation will discuss the deeper impact of money, how it shapes decisions, fuels conflict, and influences how parents think about love, stability, and even how the sound of piano lessons makes them feel. Anna will sit down with AAML Fellow Dawn Smith to ask the big (and small) questions: How does money shape custody disputes? What's really being argued over when parents fight about expenses? How do professionals navigate the emotional and ethical complexities of financial conflict? Then, the conversation turns to you. How does money show up in your work? What's the hardest conversation you've had about finances? Anna will open the floor for a practical audience discussion about the real impact of money on you, your clients, and your families.

***Anna Sale**, Podcast Host, Death, Sex & Money, Berkeley, CA*

***Dawn Smith, Esq.**, Evolve Family Law, LLC, Tucker, GA*

AFCC Fall 2025 Virtual Conference

Necessity is the Mother of Invention:
Creative Interventions for Supporting an Overwhelmed Court System

November 12-14 and 17-18, 2025

Friday, September 19, 2025

12:00PM-1:30PM	**Networking Luncheon**
1:45PM-3:45PM	**Concurrent Sessions 6-10**

6. Family Law in the Post-Truth Age (Trial Track)

In family law disputes, the parties and the court often have access to the same information yet interpret it in fundamentally different ways. Cognitive biases, false binaries, firmly held but arguably false beliefs, and emotional perspectives within a specific context can shape how each parent perceives communication, conflict, and co-parenting dynamics. For example, one parent may view vaccines or prescription medications as essential medical care, while the other sees them as harmful or unnecessary, each citing their own data to support opposing conclusions. This session explores how subjective interpretation influences legal narratives, the role of credibility in court proceedings, the application of the rules of evidence, and how professionals can assess competing claims. Presenters will examine the tension between fact and perception, offering strategies to navigate conflicting narratives in the pursuit of fair and informed decisions in family law cases.

***Lawrence Jay Braunstein, Esq.**, Braunstein & Zuckerman, White Plains, NY*
***Kathleen McNamara, PhD**, Fort Collins, CO*
***Chris Mulchay, PhD, ABPP**, Asheville Testing, Asheville, NC*

7. 2025 Social Science Update: Key Research to Strengthen Your Family Law Practice

This workshop will summarize new directions and findings from social science research on child custody, parenting, and related issues. Key research will be introduced on the most relevant topics, and the implications for legal practice will be discussed. The presenter will focus on how research can be utilized in participants' own cases, whether as an expert or as a legal professional working toward settlement or navigating the presentation of expert testimony at trial.

***Michael A. Saini, PhD**, Univ. of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada*

8. Client Management: Strategies for Guiding Difficult and Litigious Clients

Family court professionals must navigate the process and the law, the evaluations, and the roles of the various other professionals who may become involved in the case—all of which are made far more complicated by "difficult" clients. Such clients may be one or both litigants with a preoccupation with blaming others, all-or-nothing thinking, unmanaged emotions and extreme behaviors that most people would never engage in. These behaviors become even more extreme when the parties are placed into the adversarial process employed by courts. This workshop will provide an understanding of five high conflict personalities, four strategies to avoid, and four key skills to use for calming and managing them while assisting in resolving their cases. It will also provide strategies for managing high conflict cases including realistic assessments and interventions for guiding such clients toward a conclusion without becoming part of the problem.

***Bill Eddy, MSW, JD**, High Conflict Institute, Scottsdale, AZ*
***Hon. Bruce Cohen (Ret.)**, High Conflict Institute, San Diego, CA*

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9. Private Judging in the Post-Pitt-Jolie Age

As family court systems grow increasingly congested and family law cases become more complex, more litigants are seeking solutions outside the traditional courtroom. Enter private neutrals—seasoned family law attorneys and retired judges—who are brought in to mediate, manage, and sometimes even preside over family law disputes. But in a landscape where privacy and neutrality are paramount, how can these principles truly be safeguarded? This dynamic program dives deep into the evolving role of private neutrals, uncovering the challenges and complexities of maintaining privacy and impartiality in family law proceedings. You'll gain valuable insights as we explore how private is "private" in the age of high-stakes family litigation and the importance of protecting the process. We will examine the delicate balance of impartiality amidst complex family dynamics and professional relationships, and the ethical issues around conflict disclosures when dealing with repeat attorneys and intertwined cases. Finally, join us to consider real-world examples, strategic solutions, and candid discussions on what works—and what doesn't—when navigating the increasingly popular path of private dispute resolution in family law.

***Sherry Cassedy, Esq., MA**, Threshold Resources, Santa Cruz, CA*
***Belinda Hanson, Esq.**, Hanson, Crawford & Crum, San Francisco, CA*
***Hon. Roy Paul (Ret.)**, Los Angeles, CA*

10. The Money Brain Meets the Coparenting Train: Avoiding the Wreck

We've all seen this scenario: A difficult marital separation teamed with significant disagreements about the parenting plan and looming custody litigation. Two trains speeding ahead toward collision. Through the collaborative efforts of attorneys, mediators, and mental health professionals, disaster is often averted. The parents agree on a parenting plan for their kids and begin to implement it. A collective sigh of relief can be heard from the entire professional team. But have we reached the final destination? The next whistle stop is addressing the parents' property and support issues. Follow how the twists and turns of asset division destabilize the coparenting relationship. Presenters will map out the journey from conflict to compromise, with stops along the route to examine views through the lens of cognitive science, dispute resolution, and family law. Learn about the brain and how it responds to the fear of financial loss, as well as strategies family law professionals can use to keep agitated parents on track for a safe journey. Join this panel for a bumpy ride as we discuss money, kids, and conflict.

***Matthew J. Sullivan, PhD**, Santa Cruz, CA*
***Mindy Penzias Dirks, PhD**, Silicon Valley Family Therapy, Palo Alto, CA*
***Michèle M. Bissada, Esq., CFLS**, Flicker, Kerin, Kruger & Bissada, LLP, Menlo Park, CA*

4:00PM-5:00PM Consultation Groups

Join your colleagues for an informal discussion and consultation on some of the most challenging topics for family law professionals. Bring your questions and difficult cases for expert feedback.

Evening Taste of San Francisco

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Previously offered as session #1

12. Research: Friend or Foe? (Trial Track)
Previously offered as session #3

13. Effective Use of Parenting Coordination
Previously offered as session #5

14. 2025 Social Science Update: Key Research to Strengthen Your Family Law Practice
Previously offered as session #7

15. Private Judging in the Post-Pitt-Jolie Age
Previously offered as session #9

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16. Unmasking Transgender Experience: A Family-Based, Research-Informed Model
Previously offered as session #2

17. Substance Misuse and Process Addictions
Previously offered as session #4

18. Family Law in the Post-Truth Age (Trial Track)
Previously offered as session #6

19. Client Management: Strategies for Guiding Difficult and Litigious Clients
Previously offered as session #8

20. The Money Brain Meets the Coparenting Train: Avoiding the Wreck
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Conference Information

Hotel Information

Hilton San Francisco Union Square
333 O'Farrell Street
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Reserve your room today!

The Hilton San Francisco Union Square is offering a reduced special rate to conference attendees of $275 per night for single or double occupancy through the AFCC-AAML room block. On August 24, 2025, any unreserved rooms in the block will be released and the special rate will no longer be guaranteed. Make your reservations **online** or call 415-771-1400 and ask for the AFCC-AAML Conference room block. Attendees are responsible for their own lodging arrangements.

Travel Information

The San Francisco metropolitan area is served by the San Francisco International Airport. The Hilton San Francisco Union Square is approximately 25 minutes from the airport by car. The taxi fare is approximately $60. Ride share services such as Uber or Lyft are available.

Parking

Valet parking is available at the following rates: $88.92 for standard vehicles and $102.02 for SUVs, including tax and in/out privileges. Rates are subject to change without notice. For the most current parking information, please contact the hotel directly.

Climate

Average daytime temperatures in San Francisco in mid-September range from the mid-50s to low-70s. Be sure to bring a light jacket or sweater as meeting rooms can be cool.

Continuing Education

AFCC will provide a certificate of attendance for participants. The certificate will verify attendance at conference sessions and may be used to apply for continuing education credits. It is the responsibility of each attendee to sign-in/out of each session attended. The certificate will reflect only sessions properly signed into and out of. A list of conference sessions eligible for continuing education credits can be found on the conference portal and will be updated regularly.

Psychologists

AFCC is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. AFCC is also approved to sponsor continuing education for psychologists licensed to practice in the state of New York. AFCC maintains responsibility for this program and its content. The program is eligible for up to 15.5 hours of continuing education for psychologists.

Mental Health Professionals

An application for continuing education approval from the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) will be submitted for up to 15.5 credits; however, individuals will need to verify approval with their credentialing or licensing boards. If you are an LMFT, LPC, or other mental health professional, you may use the AFCC certificate of attendance to verify attendance at conference sessions and apply for continuing education credits with your accrediting institution.

Conference Information

Attorneys

AFCC plans to apply to California, Colorado, Illinois, Idaho, Minnesota, Ohio, Oregon, Washington, and Vermont for CLE credit. New York attorneys may count this program toward their NY CLE requirement credit earned through participation in out-of-state programs accredited by a New York approved jurisdiction. Vermont is a New York approved jurisdiction. New Jersey attorneys who take courses approved in another state will receive credit for courses approved in that jurisdiction through reciprocity.

Attorneys may also use the AFCC certificate of attendance to verify attendance and apply for credit in their state, province, or territory; however, individuals are responsible to verify that sessions meet the requirements for CLE in their specific jurisdiction.

Tabletop Exhibits

If you are interested in exhibiting at this conference, please see the exhibitor prospectus on the conference portal or contact Mitch Findley at **mfindley@afccnet.org** or 608-664-3750.

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Conference Information

AFCC strives to offer a wide range of education options, including but not limited to live and virtual conferences, training programs, webinars, and special events, highlighting different research, advocacy positions, policies, practices, programs, and ideas. Some programs may be evidence-based, while others may reflect a report on works-in-progress, emerging practices, policy initiatives, or innovative approaches. AFCC does not necessarily align with a specific way of thinking on given issues and has the goal to enhance learning while encouraging respectful inquiry, discussion, and debate consistent with our organizational values. AFCC does not necessarily endorse or support the opinions of presenters, exhibitors, sponsors, or advertisers. We reserve the right to cancel or substitute any presenter or session should circumstances arise beyond our control.

Pre-Conference Institute

Interested in a more in-depth program? Sign up for one of four pre-conference institutes. Pre-institutes take place on Thursday, September 18, 2025, from 8:30AM-12:00PM. The institute registration fee is separate from the conference registration fee. Institute registration includes one pre-conference institute, materials, and a certificate of attendance.

Conference Registration

Includes all conference sessions, access to all electronic session materials, a certificate of attendance, welcome reception, consultation groups, breakfasts, and the luncheon.

Conference Recordings / Photo Policy

AFCC reserves the right to take photographs during the conference and conference events. Your registration, attendance, or participation constitutes your consent for AFCC to use such photos and videos for promotional and archival purposes. This conference will not be recorded, nor will there be an option to attend virtually. *No personal audio recording, video recording, or photography of the sessions will be permitted.*

Registration Form

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Register online at afccnet.org

Please type or print clearly. This form may be duplicated.

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Please check the appropriate amounts below and total at the bottom	Paid by Aug 20	Paid after Aug 20
AFCC Membership		
Join AFCC for 12 months and register at the member rate!	$160	
AFCC/AAML Member Rates		
Pre-Conference Institute Registration	$190	$210
Conference Registration	$700	$745
Non-Member Rates		
Pre-Conference Institute Registration	$250	$275
Conference Registration	$825	$875

Total: $_____

Method of Payment

Registration fees must be paid in full prior to attendance

☐ Payment of $_____ is enclosed (USD Only)

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Cancellation Policy: Transfer of registration to another person may be done once, at any time without a fee. All requests for refunds must be made in writing. Written notice of cancellation received by fax, sent, and confirmed by email, or postmarked by September 2, 2025, will be issued a full refund minus a $75 USD service fee. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after September 2, 2025. Payment method may include banking or credit card service charges beyond AFCC service fee.

Pre-Conference Institute Selections

Thursday, September 18, 2025, 8:30AM-12:00PM

If you registered for an institute, select one:

1. Research on Trial: The Use, Misuse, and Evolution of Evidence in Family Law
2. When Kids Say No: Unpacking Risk and Reality in PCCP Dynamics
3. A Brave New World: Procedural and Technological Innovations in Family Dispute Resolutions
4. Advanced PPE: What Practitioners Need to Know

Conference Concurrent Sessions

Seating is not guaranteed and will be first-come, first-served. Your selections ensure sessions with more attendees are scheduled in larger rooms.

Please write in one session number per time slot.

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3:00PM-5:00PM	Sessions 1-5	_____	

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8:45AM-10:15AM	Keynote Address	Yes	No
10:30AM-12:00PM	Plenary Session	Yes	No
1:45PM-3:45PM	Sessions 6-10	_____	

Saturday, September 20, 2025

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